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SUMMARY: FONOFF VICE MINISTER HOGEN GAVE AMBASSADOR AIDE MEMOIRE JUNE 28 OUTLINING CONTINUING JAPANESE CONCERNS RE COCOM CHINA DIFFERENTIAL (CD). FONOFF SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS THAT A) MEETING OF EXPERTS OF TWO COUNTRIES BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS ELIMINATION OF ONE REMAINING CD ITEM ON COMPUTERS, AND B) THAT USG AGREE PROMPTLY TO EXCEPTIONAL EXPORT TO CHINA OF CD ITEMS NOW ON DISPLAY AT CURRENT JAPANESE ELECTRONICS AND MEDICAL EXHIBITION IN PEKING. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED TO CALL ON FONOFF VICE MINISTER SHINSAKU HOGEN, JUNE 28, TO RECEIVE AIDE MEMOIRE ON JAPANESE CONCERNS RE CONTINUATION OF CHINA DIFFERENTIAL (CD) IN COCOM. AIDE MEMOIRE EXPRESSES GOJ'S APPRECIATION FOR US COOPERATION IN REDUCING CD SO THAT IT NOW APPLIES TO ONLY ONE ITEM (COMPUTERS). IT NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT AT JAPAN AUTOMATIC ELECTRONICS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION NOW BEING HELD IN PEKING, THREE CD
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RELATED ARE ON DISPLAY. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, NOTE SAYS, " ONE CANNOT BUT FEEL THAT DANGER OF CD' S EXPOSURE HAS BECOME CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN BEFORE." JAPAN WISHES TO AVOID BY ALL MEANS, NOTE CONTINUES, SITUATION WHERE NEGOTIATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT WITH PRC MIGHT BE JEAPORDIZED BY DISCLOSURE OF CHINA DIFFERENTIAL.

2. IN VIEW OF GENERAL CLIMATE OF POLITICAL DETENTE SURROUNDING PRC, AS WELL AS INCREASING PRC TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES IN MINI AND MEDIUM SIZED COMPUTERS, GOJ, IN AIDE MEMOIRE, MAKES TWO SPECIFIC REQUESTS:

A) GOJ WOULD LIKE TO SEE CD ABOLISHED AT AN EARLY DATE, AND IS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE US IN REGARD TO ELIMINATION OF CD. THEREFORE, GOJ PROPOSES THAT MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM US AND JAPAN BE HELD AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR TOKYO.

B) AT SAME TIME, GOJ REQUESTS THAT USG AGREE PROMPTLY TO EXCEPTIONAL EXPORT TO CHINA OF CD RELATED PRODUCTS WHICH ARE ON DISPLAY AT PEKING EXHIBITION.

3. HOGEN PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE TO AMBASSADOR WITH BRIEF EXPLANATION COVERING ONLY POINTS IN AIDE MEMOIRE. HOGEN THEN TURNED TO DISCUSSION OF US EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS AND PROBLEMS INVOLVING NORTH VIETNAM (SEPTS).

4. AIDE MEMOIRE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EB/ EWT).
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